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AMENDMENT

SIR:

In response to the Office Action mailed February 26, 2003, the Applicant respectfully submits the following amendments and remarks.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 12-14, 18-20, 26-~~29~~ and 31 without prejudice to the subject matter contained therein.

REMARKS

Claim 1-31 are currently pending in the above-referenced Application. Claims 1, 4-5, 10, 12-15, 18-21, 24 and 26-31 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,291,094 to Yoshimura, *et al.* ("Yoshimura").

Claims 2-3, 11, 17, 23 and 25 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as unpatentable over Yoshimura in view of Hawley's Condensed Chemical Dictionary at page 835.

Claims 6-9, 16 and 22 stand objected to as depending from rejected claims, but have been deemed allowable if amended to incorporate the limitations of their respective base and intervening claims.

Finally, the Applicant's claim to convention priority is noted as defective for failure of the declaration to acknowledge the filing of a foreign application.